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10	JOHN DOE 1; JOHN DOE 2; JANE DOE 1; JANE DOE 2; JANE DOE 3; and all persons similarly situated,	No. 4:21-cv-05059-TOR
2	Plaintiffs,	EXPEDITED UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO PRESERVE THE
13	V.	STATUS QUO
14	WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; STEPHEN SINCLAIR, Secretary of The	April 8, 2021 Without Oral Argument
6	Department of Corrections, in his official capacity,	
17	Defendants,	
8	and	
9	BONNEVILLE INTERNATIONAL, INC. a Utah Corporation, d.b.a KIRO	
20	Radio 97.3 FM; THE MCCLATCHY COMPANY, LLC, a California Limited	
21 22	Liability Company, d.b.a. The Tacoma News Tribune; and ANDREA KELLY, an individual,	
23	Interested Parties.	

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Come now Plaintiffs, by and through their counsel of record, and respectfully move this Court for a Temporary Restraining Order preventing disclosure of requested records during the briefing and consideration of the contemporaneously filed Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

Plaintiffs' counsel has contacted the Assistant Attorney General representing the Defendants in this matter to seek their agreement not to disclose records while the Motion for Preliminary Injunction is pending, and in order to allow this Court to consider this motion on a 30-day briefing schedule. Defense counsel has stated that while Defendants do not *stipulate* to a temporary restraining order, she has represented that the Defendants *do not oppose* a temporary restraining order preserving the status quo during the briefing and consideration of the motion for preliminary injunction. Because the Defendants will not agree to withhold records during the pendency of this motion absent a court order enjoining them from doing so, this Motion for Temporary Restraining Order is necessary.

The same standards that govern a Preliminary Injunction govern a motion for Temporary Restraining Order. Plaintiffs are entitled to preliminary injunctive relief on their constitutional claims if they can establish (1) a likelihood of success on the merits; and (2) that irreparable harm will ensue if temporary relief is not granted. The Court should also consider whether Plaintiffs have an adequate remedy at law, and whether the balance of the equities tips in their favor. For the same reasons set forth in their Motion for Preliminary Injunction, which is incorporated here fully by reference, Plaintiffs meet this standard.

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Plaintiffs have shown a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits of their constitutional claims. As for irreparable harm, if released during the pendency of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction will be rendered moot. Once records have been released, there would be no turning back, and Plaintiffs' safety and lives would be placed in great peril. Plaintiffs simply have no remedy at law if these records are released, and the balance of the equities tips sharply in their favor. Plaintiffs face irreparable and substantial harm in the absence of an injunction. By contrast, DOC will not be prejudiced in any way by entry of a preliminary injunction. Indeed, the public interest is served by keeping the requested records confidential as they were intended to by, not by their disclosure. And, any public interest in disclosure is vastly outweighed here by the irreparable harm Plaintiffs face.

It is for these reasons that the Court should issue a brief Temporary Restraining Order preventing the release of any records requested that are at issue in this litigation. This will afford the parties (and interested parties, if they desire to participate) to fully brief the issues, and will allow this Court to thoughtfully consider the case before issuing its preliminary ruling.

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